

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wynne, Arkansas  
November 17, 2008

- Roll Call** The regular meeting of the school board was held on Monday, November 17, 2008. The following were present: Mr. Gene Boeckmann, Mrs. Carol Brown, Mr. Spencer Parker, Dr. Robert A. Hayes, Jr., Mr. Melvin Taylor, and Dr. Benjamin Perry, Superintendent. Also present were: Mrs. Sandra Hollaway, Intermediate School Principal; Mr. David Stepp, Junior High School Principal; Mr. Keith Watson, Senior High School Principal; Mrs. Sandra Smith, Senior High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Carl Easley, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Kathy Lee, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Frankie Sullivan, Business Manager; Mrs. Sherry Breckenridge, Parent Coordinator; Mrs. Glenda Vance, Special Education Coordinator; Mr. William Smith, Representative of Edward Jones; Mr. Bob Morris, Transportation; Students in attendance were: Nicole Jackson; Annie Robinson; Hannah Johnson; Chelsea Coffey; Cayla Douglas, Student Publication; Lindsay Hess; Johnston Schmidtt and Holly McElroy. Parents in attendance were: Allyson Good Mrs. Anita Fisher and Ms. GrandEster Johnson.
- Minutes** The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved as presented to the board members.
- Recognitions** The Superintendent recognized Nineteen Members of the Wynne High School Choir that recently earned All-Region or All-State honors. Alyssa Goodin, Wynne High School Senior has received an academic scholarship to Arkansas State University. Also recognized was Judy Hagler, 6<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics teacher at Wynne Jr. High. Mrs. Hagler was named a state finalist for the 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching.
- Financial Reports** Financial reports on all funds and all invoices paid in October were approved.
- Mr. William Smith, Representative of Edward Jones Financial discussed with the board 403-b options. The options were to select from Single Fund or a Multiple Fund provider system. The board voted unanimously to select the Multiple Fund provider in order for employees to have options when selecting a 403-b provider.
- Student Disciplinary Hearing** A hearing was held on a recommendation from the administration to expel Ramell Johnson, a student at Wynne High School, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year. The parent of Ramell, Mrs. Grandester Johnson was notified of the meeting. The parent requested the hearing to be closed.
- A motion was made by Dr. Robert Hayes, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Melvin Taylor, and passed unanimously to expel Ramell Johnson from the Wynne School District for the remainder of 2008-09 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

<b>Graduation location discussion</b>	<b>Wynne High School seniors offered a proposal to the Board of Education to have their 2008-09 graduation held on the football field instead of the gymnasium. After further research the board will make their final decision at the December 15, 2008 board meeting.</b>
<b>Enrollment Report</b>	<b>A report on student enrollment as of November 17, 2008 was given. The report indicated district enrollment to be 2,908 students. This is a decrease in student enrollment from the October 20, 2008 report of 2,925 students.</b>
<b>Parent Visitation</b>	<b>A report was given on the parent visitation nights which occurred recently. The percentage of parents visiting with teachers in grades K – 8 was very well attended. Emphasis on parent involvement continues to provide positive results.</b>
<b>Parent Educator's Update</b>	<b>Parent Coordinator, Mrs. Sherry Breckenridge, discussed with the board her work with the parents and the community at large. She shared the new design of the Parent Facility and encouraged parents to visit and learn what is available to assist in supporting their children. The Parent Center can also assist parents in finding other outside resources as well.</b>
<b>AYP Update</b>	<b>There was a discussion with the board to go forward with the Superintendent's request to appeal to Dr. Ken James, Commissioner of Education at the State of Arkansas Department of Education, the decision to deny the district appeal and not review supporting documents from Wynne Primary and Intermediate Schools as it relates to both school's Adequate Yearly Progress status (AYP).</b>
<b>Request to reduce expulsion</b>	<p><b>A recommendation from Mr. Keith Watson, Principal at Wynne High School, was brought forward to the board to reduce the expulsion of Lacash Harris, a student at Wynne High School, from expulsion for the remainder of the 2008-08 school year.</b></p> <p><b>A motion was made by Mrs. Carol Brown, seconded by Mr. Spencer Parker, rejected by Dr. Robert Hayes, Jr. and passed to reduce Lacash Harris' expulsion from the remainder of 2008-09 school year to the remainder of the first semester.</b></p>
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	
<b>Consideration of Vehicle Bids</b>	<b>Superintendent reported to the board the receipt of three bids for the purchase of one truck and one van for the 2008-09 school year. Bids were reviewed at the board meeting and Steve Jones Chrysler received the truck bid for a 2008 truck at a cost of \$18,276.00 and Bull Motor Company received the bid to provide a 2008 Mini-Van at the bid price of \$22,926.00. The board unanimously accepted the two bids.</b>
<b>Resignations</b>	<b>The following individuals have submitted letters of resignation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Charlotte Anderson                    - Cafeteria Cook, Wynne Jr. High School Effective 11/7/08</b></li> <li><b>Joey George                                - Social Studies Teacher, Wynne Jr. High Effective 10/29/08</b></li> </ul>

A motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. Hayes, and passed unanimously to accept the resignations as submitted by the above individuals.

**Employment**

The following individuals were recommended to the board:

**Certified:**

**Recommended for Employment:**

Lori Everett - Fulfill extended maternity leave 1.0 FTE classroom teacher, Wynne Intermediate School  
Retro-active to 10/03/08

Joni Williams - Additional 101 days @ cost \$3,053 for coaching duties for the balance of 2008-09 school year for lost prep time

Jarrold Bailey - Additional 36 days @ cost \$903.00 for coaching duties for the balance of 2008-09 school year for lost prep

**Non-Certified:**

**Recommended for Employment:**

Kathy Mingo - Part-Time (4 hrs. per day) Attendance Clerk, Senior High School, Retro-active 10/27/08

Benita Jo South - Full-Time (7.25 hrs. per day) ALE Aide, Senior High School, Retro-active 11/05/08

The above individuals are recommended for employment contingent upon successful completion of the criminal background check required by state law.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brown and seconded by, Dr. Hayes, and passed unanimously to approve the employment of the individuals as recommended by the superintendent.

**Superintendent's Discussion**

The Superintendent shared with the board "East Night Out" whereby Wynne High School students presented visitors with an overview of the programs at the school's East Lab. The Superintendent shared a thank you letter from Mr. Dan Farley, Executive Director of ASBA, thanking the Wynne School District for hosting the Region 7 ASBA Annual meeting. Also, several parents met on a Saturday with the high school counselors and the superintendent to discuss their child's grade and to learn about other resources that will support their child's academic needs.

**Meeting Date**

The date of the next regular board meeting will be December 15, 2008.

**Adj.**

The meeting was then adjourned.

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President

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Secretary